

August 10

Matthew 17:14-21

**Faith, Prayer,
& Fasting**



14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,

15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water.

16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be

**with you? how long shall I
suffer you? bring him hither
to me.**

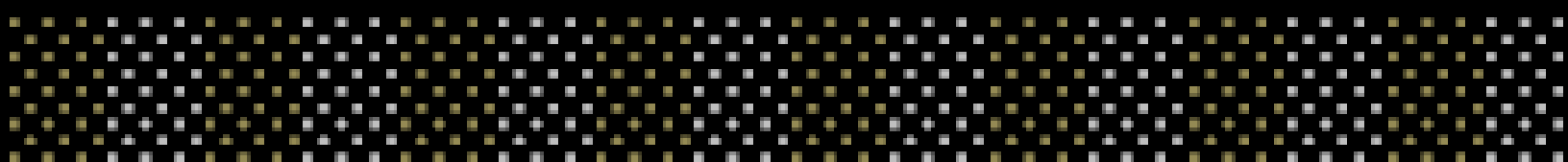
**18 And Jesus rebuked the devil;
and he departed out of him: and
the child was cured from that
very hour.**

**19 Then came the disciples to
Jesus apart, and said, Why
could not we cast him out?**

**20 And Jesus said unto them,
Because of your unbelief: for
verily I say unto you, If ye have
faith as a grain of mustard
seed, ye shall say unto this**

mountain, Remove hence to
yonder place; and it shall
remove; and nothing shall be
impossible unto you.

²¹ **Howbeit** this kind goeth not
out but by prayer and fasting.



Was this passage
intended to be a
formula for
guaranteed healing,
casting out devils,
and the mountain-
moving ability to get
anything one wants?

In what way did
Jesus' own disciples
lack mustard
seed-like

faith?

How were the
disciples of Jesus
operating in
“unbelief”?

Did the disciples
fail in the type of
prayer and fasting
it would take to
alleviate that
“kind” of
situation?